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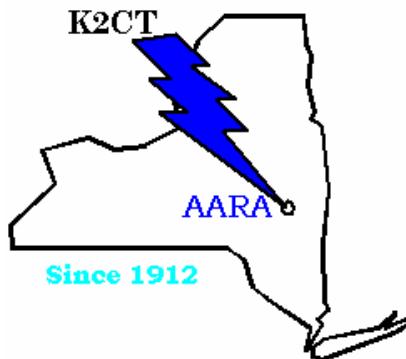
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## AARA

Meets at the  
Colonie Community Center

1653 Central Ave. Colonie

**Friday Dec. 9**

Social Hour 6:55 PM

Meeting 7:45 PM

refreshments

soda, diet soda, coffee

### K2CT Repeater

**Talk-in repeater**  
**145.19 (-) MHz**  
**pl tone 103.5Hz**

**or**

**444.30 (+) w/pl tone 100.0Hz**

**K2CT Repeater 145.19**  
**w/pl tone 103.5Hz**  
**AARA Dues**

Dues are \$15 with  
B-PLUS available at the K2CT Web page in  
.pdf format [www.k2ct.net](http://www.k2ct.net)  
OR \$20 for first class mailing of the  
newsletter Checks should be made out to  
AARA and sent to: Saul Abrams, K2XA,  
307 Maple Rd., Slingerlands, NY 12159

## DEC. Meeting

### ELECTIONS of Officers

Holiday Party  
Food and drink will be on the house.  
**Any food donations for the meeting  
will be appreciated**

**AARA ANNUAL SPRINT**  
**Thurs. DEC. 8, 2005 7 - 8PM**  
see page 2

## AARA ANNUAL SPRINT

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee of

Bud, WF2B  
Barry, N1EU  
Guy, WK2H

Have designated the following:

President George Wilner, K2ONP  
Vice-President

Fred Fitte, WA2MMX  
Secretary Bill Nettleton, K2BX  
Treasurer Saul Abrams, K2XA

3-year Director  
Sue Rothchild, N2LBR

The Albany Amateur Radio Association will once again hold it's annual 10 meter sprint on **Thursday, December 8, 2005**. The sprint will begin at 0000 GMT (7:00 PM) and last one hour. All contacts must be made between the frequencies of **28.400 and 28.490 MHz**

**using USB.** Exchange will consist of **signal report and first name** (e.g. "59 Ernie").

Each contact is worth 1 point and a 10 point bonus is awarded for working the AARA club call "K2CT".

Your log should record the time of each complete contact (in UTC), the call sign of the station worked, and the exchange sent to and received from that station (signal report and name). Also record the points for each complete contact and the total claimed score. Be sure to put your own call sign on the log you submit! Logs should be e-mailed to

[sue.walt@verizon.net](mailto:sue.walt@verizon.net)

Put logs in body of e-mail Please, no attachments

See you on 10 Meters!

73,  
Walt, WA1KKM and Sue, N2LBR

## 2005 CQWW DX CONTEST -- PHONE RESULTS

STATION	CATEGORY	QSOs	COUNTRIES	ZONES	CLAIMED	SCORE
W2GDJ	SO (H) A	1004	351	103	1,258,488	
WE2F	SO (H) A	1494	213	56	1,172,571	
N1JP	SO (H) A	811	292	77	850,914	
K2XF	SO (H) A	710	302	90	773,808	
N2LBR						
(+WA1KKM)	M/S	733	276	77	712,707	
K2XA	SO (20M)	1644	126	33	712,479	
K2EP	SO (H) A	529	257	81	499,902	
K2ONP	SO (H) A	477	—	313	416,290	
WK2H	SO (H) A	357	183	55	237,762	
KM2O	SO (L)	202	110	44	81,774	
K2BX	SO (H) A	129	—	128	45,312	
NJ1F	SO (L)	120	76	39	33,350	
K2DL	SO (L)	20	16	8	1,296	

Send your CQWW CW score, your ARRL SS scores (both modes), and MOST IMPORTANTLY, your entire AARA 10M Sprint log (all in plain text) to:

[sue.walt@verizon.net](mailto:sue.walt@verizon.net)

You can also bring a copy of your AARA 10M Sprint paper log to the December meeting.

73,  
Walt, WA1KKM and Sue, N2LBR

## **OPERATING EVENTS**

### **PUMPKIN PATROL**

de Jack Donnelly, WA2YBM

Hams from Albany, Schenectady and Rensselaer Counties for the 21<sup>st</sup> year provided volunteers to assist the NYS Thruway Police on Halloween eve and night. They parked their vehicles at the end of bridges that crossed the Thruway. The idea is to prevent items from being tossed on vehicles using the Thruway. If you have never seen what an item does to your windshield it could be fatal. Other Amateur Radio clubs provided assistance the entire length of the Thruway, from the NYC line to Buffalo.

A report from the NYS Police stated again that the endeavor was successful. There were no incidents according to Sgt. Charles Stumpf and Sgt. Anthony Miserendino. Sometimes it seems as though we sit there for five hours each night and nothing takes place. Boring! That's the way it should be. It means that the Pumpkin Patrol was successful.

Our net controls for Sunday and Monday nights were Tom Woznak N2SQO and Tony Pazzola W2BEJ. The rest of the crew were: Randy, KA2TJZ; Frank W2FPG; Ken AA2CW; Dick, Margaret, and son Isaac, WA2NFD; Dave NF2G; Dave, KA2HPW; Jim K2ZP; Dave and June, WB2VXS and KB2JTG; Dave KM2O; Tim, WA2QAC; Dick N2TZQ; Frank, KC2NDK; Craig, N2UID; Mitch, KA2MAT; Tad, KC2OGL; Margaret, N2PEK; Beth, KC2BSC; June, KA2VEK; Dwight, N2SDL; Ken, WA2TQK; Mike, N2JVE; Ken, KB2KVF; Marilyn, KB2JZI; Mac, KB2SPM; Karen, KS2O; Richard, WA2COI and Jack, WA2YBM. Total participants for the two nights were thirty two volunteers.

Jack Donnelly and Karen Smith coordinated the volunteers. Police officers from Bethlehem, Colonie, Albany and Guilderland stopped at the various locations with the message of "good work" to the participants. It is very much appreciated. Ray N2QZF and Sue KC2IBI made the rounds to various bridges to provide coffee, soda hot chocolate and other goodies to the Hams. Bless their hearts, it was so much appreciated. Dave N2SBA acted as our liaison to various REACT and other Citizen Band radio personnel. They provided seven people to help in the Schenectady area.

## **AARA Annual Dinner**

Please mark your calendars. The annual dinner will be **Friday April 7, 2006** at the Shaker Ridge Country Club.

More details later

Bud Hovey, WF2B

## **WWW.k2ct.net**

**WE** are looking for pictures of your Ham Shack

Send pictures to Peter, N2KAD

**Please** try the new site and let me know what you think. If you have any feedback please let me know.

73, Peter Hines, N2KAD, webmaster [hines@nycap.rr.com](mailto:hines@nycap.rr.com) with any suggestions.

## **SWAP SHOP**

Send items to B-Plus editor, Mike, WD2AJS at **wd2ajs@arrl.net** or call 489-3110

**For sale:** 1) Create CR18, 6' Roof Tower. \$100  
2) Create CK46 Thrust Bearing \$50  
3) Alliance/Dual Speed Antenna Rotor and Control unit HD-73 \$200  
Note: all of above three together for \$300  
4) 2 meter mag mount antenna. Used once. \$10

*Great stuff for the hobbyist:*

1) Home Brew Antenna Switch. 4 position. The switch is a ceramic very low loss unit. Doesn't look too great but would outperform almost any commercial. \$1  
2) Power-One, HB2-3.0A, Power supply. Stats 2V @ 3A. New. \$2  
3) Power-One, B24-1.2 Power supply. 20/24v @ 1.3/1.2 A. Boxed and new. \$2  
4) Lambda, LOT-R-5152 Power supply. +/- 5v @ 12A. +/-12 to +/-15v @ 3 A \$10  
5) HP 6516A DC Power supply. 0-3000v @ 0-6mA \$8  
6) HP6281A DC Power supply. 0-7.5v @ 0-5 A \$8

Much more to come. : Ernie WM2U [[emills@nycap.rr.com](mailto:emills@nycap.rr.com)] phone after 5:00pm or leave a message if not in at 518-877-7499

## AARA DXCC TOTALS

	CURRENT	TOTAL	COUNTRIES NEEDED
K2XF	335	343	
K2XA	334	346	BS7
K2VV	333	354	
K2EP	333	337	BS7, VU7
WK2H	329		4W, BS7, E4, FO/M, P5, VU4
K2ONP	327	332	FR/G, FR/J, FT/X, VK9X, YVO, ZL8, ZS8
W2GDJ	315		3C0, 7O, BS7, FR/G, FR/J, FT5W, FT5X, FT5Z, KP1, KP5, ST, T5, VU7, YVO, ZS8
K2BX	311	315	
N1JP	300		
NA2NA	186	188	

## CHALLENGE AWARD TOTALS

	TOTAL
K2VV	2431
K2XF	2054
K2BX	1433
K2EP	1397

Are there any others out there working on these or any other awards? Let us know. Please send me any updates or new additions.

Send info to Ernie at [k2ep@arrl.net](mailto:k2ep@arrl.net)

## Public Service:

Volunteer CONTACT John, WE2F at 283-4304  
**AARA** WE Need YOU to Volunteer **AARA**

## ARRL WEB SITE GOOGLEIZED

Improved search capability debuts on ARRL Web site: A new search engine now is active on the ARRL Web site, Webmaster Jon Bloom, KE3Z, <jbloom@arrl.org> has announced. "The ARRL Web site's search capability has long been a weak spot of the site," he allowed. "To address that problem, we've replaced the site's search engine with an entirely new search page that uses a Google <<http://www.google.com>> search appliance--a separate computer running Google's search system--that indexes and searches the ARRL Web site." Bloom says the change means that those using the "Search" box atop any page on the site not only will obtain more comprehensive and accurate results but will get them much faster than previously. "We hope our site users enjoy the new search capability, which was instituted largely at the request of numerous ARRL members," Bloom added. (ed note: A number of ARRL Directors, yours truly included, were very vocal on this issue.)

## ATVET DATES

Albany Troy Volunteer Examiner Team

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Another Great Year, Thank You!

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12180 or e-mail at [k2bx@arrl.net](mailto:k2bx@arrl.net)

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